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News and Events

Kristi DeLaurentiis

Kristi DeLaurentiis recently announced that increased professional responsibilities have compelled her to depart from the GSU Board of Trustees. Originally appointed in 1996 by Governor Jim Edgar as a founding Board member, DeLaurentiis has served for 15 years as a strong, stabilizing force on the Board.



"Students, faculty, and staff have benefitted from Kristi's wisdom, attention to detail, fortitude, and willingness to fight for what is right," said Board of Trustees Chair Lorine S. Samuels. "She is truly an exemplary trustee."

President Elaine P. Maimon commented, "Kristi has brought the dedication of a GSU alumna to her service on the Board. She has been an exemplary trustee, principled, diligent, and forward-looking. While she may be leaving the governing Board, she is not leaving GSU. We are already talking with her about new ways to serve her university."

DeLaurentiis continues to serve the region as Government Relations Director for the Metropolitan Planning Council, an organization working to improve equity of opportunity and quality of life throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

Enrollment Management and Marketing Candidate

The first candidate for the newly created position of Vice-President for Enrollment Management and Marketing, Michelle Searer, will be on campus Monday, May 23. The GSU community is invited to attend a campus public forum at 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors, where the candidate will address the topic of *Benefits and ways of integrating enrollment management and marketing functions in higher education*.

As a member of the university's senior leadership team, the person in this position will provide strategic leadership, policy formulation, coordination, and administrative oversight for the university's enrollment management and marketing functions and services. The person in this position will also be responsible for providing effective leadership to the Dual Degree Program. Administrative and functional units reporting directly to the vice president include recruitment and outreach, admissions and admissions processing, financial aid, registration and student records, international student services, and marketing and publications.

Download Michelle Searer's [cover letter](#) and [resume](#).

Access Interrupted

All Jenzabar products in use at GSU, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from Friday, May 27 at 6 p.m. through approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 during system maintenance and required upgrade.

For more information, contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.HELP.

Applications for Fall 2011

Students can no longer complete applications online for the summer 2011 session. Prospective students are encouraged to apply for the Fall 2011 semester.

Pensions in Peril

Understanding your pension system and the effects proposed changes may have on it is the purpose of retired GSU faculty member Dr. Addison Woodward's presentation *Illinois Pensions: Gold Plated Cadillac or Cadillac Clunker?* Dr. Woodward will analyze the validity of recent press coverage and review the intentions and actions of state legislators.

The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 26, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Originally this presentation was given as was given as part of a forum sponsored by the University of Illinois-Chicago chapter of SUAA.

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Lynne Hostetter at ext. 8043.

Auditors Welcome

The auditing firm of E.C. Ortiz & Co. LLP will be working on campus through the end of the year. The audit team is led by Gilda Belmonte, a partner in the firm. She will be assisted by manager Lyn Baluga, Netzy Miraflores, and Nuthatai De Castro.

The GSU community should respond to the auditor team's requests for information and data in a timely fashion. Although this may take time away from daily work, it is necessary to complete the audits in a timely fashion. The auditors will be located in room D1430.

For more information, contact the university's audit liaison, Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President of Financial Services and Comptroller at ext. 4054.

Scholarship Spotlight - Nina Bell



Nina Bell of Flossmoor received the Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth Scholarship in Media Communications Technology. Nina is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently director of marketing and communications at a non-profit organization that she started. Her goal is a career in sports marketing and communications.

Summertime Meditation

Meditation sessions will be offered throughout the summer at GSU on Thursdays, from noon to 1 p.m., in room D34090. Sessions will be facilitated by Dr. Timothy Pedigo. All sessions are free and everyone is welcome. Sessions begin May 26 and continue through August 4.

Cafeteria Special

You don't have to wait for Memorial Day to enjoy a barbecue. The cafeteria is putting one on just for the GSU community on Tuesday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the outdoor terrace. Enjoy a steak sandwich or an all-natural hot dog with pasta salad, Kettle Chips, corn-on-the-cob, and lemonade for only \$6.25.

Vending Menu Expansion

The GSU vending machines will feature new products to tantalize your taste buds. Now you can enjoy Salami Sticks, TGI Friday cheddar and bacon, white cheddar popcorn, Cheetos BBQ, sunflower kernels, Lays Kettle Spice Rubbed Chips, Limited Edition Mountain Dew Pitch Black, and Lipton Blueberry/Mango and Lipton Mango/Passion Fruit teas.

Off-Campus Library Database Login Changes

Beginning June 6, off-campus library database login procedures will change.

To login, students will use their myGSU Portal username and password. Faculty and staff will use their GSU email/network username and password.

For assistance in recalling forgotten usernames or passwords, contact the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.HELP. Library staff cannot access individual usernames and passwords.

Area Educators Develop Principal Evaluation System

In the culmination of a three month project, approximately 15 school district administrators and principals recently met at Governors State University to finish developing a new design framework for a principal performance-based evaluation system. The redesign was necessary in response to the State's required system changes effective in 2012. The project is part of the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education/Teacher Quality Partnership (MILE/TQP) grant at GSU.

"We made significant progress in creating an evaluation system that measures the aspects of leadership and principal effectiveness that are deemed important at not only the state level but also at our local, regional level," said Dr. Karen Peterson, co-director of the TQP grant.

The educators worked closely with Dr. Joseph Murphy from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Murphy is the leading policy expert in the field of educational administration in the country. He has worked with four education departments at the state level in the design of their evaluation systems. Dr. Murphy will continue working with MILE/TQP for the remaining four years of the TQP grant.



Participating in the project from GSU were grant co-director and faculty member Dr. Pam Guimond, faculty members Dr. Joe Matula and Dr. Lora Knutson, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education Dor Fitzgerald, Director of MILE Alicia McCray, and Sue Rasher, evaluator.

MILE/TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

SUAA Luncheon 2011

The Annual SUAA Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 30, from noon to 2 p.m. at GSU. SUAA members are invited to attend. A short business meeting will be held at 11 a.m.

The luncheon is sponsored by the GSU President's Office.

To R.S.V.P., contact [Lynne Hostetter](#) at ext. 8043 by June 23. |